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FOR: STABILIZATION OF BODY-CARE AND

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed responsive to the Office communication mailed on January 8, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which is set to expire on February 8, 2004.

No fee, petition, or certification is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS